

## IRISH TRUCE IS SAVED BY MCKEOWN RELEASE

Lloyd George Orders Discharge of Sinn Fein Leader From Prison.

WAS MURDER CONVICT  
Exploits Surrounded Him  
With Halo of Romance—  
Extolled in Ballad.

NOTED FOR GALLANTRY

De Valera Is Now Said to Be  
Preparing Compromise  
Peace Proposal.

Dail Eireann to Accept  
Peace With Reservations

LONDON, Aug. 9 (Tuesday).—After inquiries in well-informed quarters, the Dublin correspondent of the London Times learns that the Government's offer, with certain reservations, is likely to be accepted by Dail Eireann.

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New York Herald Bureau,  
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The prospects for Premier Lloyd George and Eamon de Valera getting together on some middle ground in the Irish peace negotiations were improved to-day by the Premier in Paris ordering the release of John J. McKeown, member of the Irish Republican Parliament. Reports from Dublin tonight indicate that de Valera is now prepared to submit a compromise proposal to the British Cabinet's scheme. The elimination of McKeown, the "blacksmith of Ballinacree," as a factor in the situation, after threatening for the last forty-eight hours to loom alongside some of the characters in the most sinister incidents in "Dark Rosaleen's" story, brought a feeling of relief in all circles. He was released from Mountjoy prison, where he has been held after being convicted by a court martial of the murder of Chief Inspector McGrath. In Government circles here it was said that the release of McKeown was in the ordinary course of events.

Statement by De Valera.

Just previous to McKeown's release, however, De Valera issued a statement declaring he could not assume responsibility for continuing the peace negotiations if this member of the Dail Eireann was held in prison. The members of the Irish Parliament will meet in Dublin next week.

In official circles here it is now being denied that the Government had any intention of accepting McKeown from the number of Dail Eireann members released. It was said that in view of the fact that his conviction of murder stood against him, technical legal delays made his release from prison slower than that of the other twenty-four members who were in jail. Whatever reasons may have caused the delay, there is no doubt that it seriously imperiled the progress of the peace negotiations.

The release of McKeown is regarded as a signal advantage for Sinn Fein, as it is taken as a recognition by the British Government of the correct status of the Republic's army as a belligerent force. Blame for the holding of McKeown is not laid to the Government, but to Dublin Castle officials, who acted without consulting London.

McKeown has been the beau ideal of the Irish republican soldier. He was convicted of murder by a court-martial for what happened in an open fight, in which McKeown fought single-handed against a patrol composed of ten men. Previously he had been the leader of the Ballinacree Irish republican army for months, and under his leadership his men did things which will go down among the traditions of the Sinn Fein army.

Reputation for Gallantry.

Despite his skill as a guerrilla leader, this man had a reputation for gallantry. His gallantry was so marked that even relatives of the police inspector he killed appealed to the Government not to carry out the sentence imposed on him by the court martial. Indeed, the "Black and Tans" testified to his chivalry in the course of his trial. Nevertheless he was convicted and, although the sentence was never approved by Gen. Sir Nevill Macready, commanding the Crown forces in Ireland, McKeown was held in prison when all other members of the Dail Eireann were released. McKeown was the man about whom was woven the ballad, "The Blacksmith of Ballinacree," a song which has been sung at every Irish gathering in Ireland during the last ten months and in which is set forth a score of McKeown's heroic actions. He is now at liberty, but the incident of his release from prison illustrates how this is in fact, even while the Irish negotiators are skating.

Dail Eireann spokesmen immediately pointed out the Government's failure to release McKeown and called it a violation of the truce terms. They sent a special messenger to the Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, in Paris.

Everything shows that responsible officials here ordered his release as soon as they appreciated the situation and peace negotiations will go on.

PREMIER ACTS BEFORE  
SEEING DELEGATION

Orders McKeown's Release  
During Council Session.

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Before an Irish delegation to-day could reach him with a demand for the release of John J. McKeown, the British Prime Minister gave orders that McKeown be liberated immediately, thus removing the last obstacle in the way of a reassembling of the Dail Eireann to pass on the British peace proposals.

Announcement of the decision to release McKeown was made during the session of the allied Supreme Council here this afternoon and while the Irish delegation was trying to arrange for an appointment to see Mr. Lloyd George.

PRINCIPLES realized on Swift & Company's sale of carcass beef in New York City for week ending Saturday, August 14th, 1921, on shipments sold out, ranged from 12 cents to 18 cents per pound, and averaged 15.00 cents per pound—Adm.

## LONDON WONDERS FAIL TO IMPRESS U. S. SAILORS

'No Guy Ever Needed That Twice,' Remarks One Gob, Referring to Headsman's Block at Raleigh's Place of Execution.

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The Tower of London was "stale stuff" and London's buildings looked like father's barn at home to American sailors from the battleship Utah, now off Gravesend, who toured this city to-day, the first batch of more than a thousand of them going to see the sights here as a result of Rear Admiral Niblack's wishes.

Ostensibly they behaved like members of a Sunday school class, but British newspaper men who accompanied the party heard many asides which astonished them. Indeed, the eloquence of Mr. Frames, the guide in the Tower of London, which is just as historic as are most of the ancient relics, was sacrilegiously called "dope."

One observer of an ancient suit of armor called it a "fale close-it," while another said: "Let's shake this place; it's too stuffy."

Polite English attendants were

shocked when they heard an axe-headed halbard called "a cute little meat knife," and when they stood shivering in Sir Walter Raleigh's death cell all the romance of the place was shattered by a remark: "Gosh, I bet he wished he hadn't thrown his coat in the mud!"

When the headsman's block and axe came for respectful notice it was remarked by one of the "gobs," "No guy never needed that twice."

The American tars made a big hit with girls along the route, who called to them, "Hello, blarney!" The charabancs in which the Americans rode brought much waving of hands and handkerchiefs from windows all along the route.

The sightseeing trip included St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, the Cenotaph, Whitehall and West End. The Americans declared they were immensely impressed by what they saw but were disappointed at the size of London's buildings.

## ITALY AND CHINA O.K. CONFERENCE DATE

Japan's Official Approval Is Understood to Be on the Way.

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Italy and China officially notified the State Department to-day of their approval of November 11 as the opening date for convening the international conference on limitation of armaments and Far Eastern questions. Japan's official approval is understood to be on the way. Great Britain and France, the other two participating nations, have already agreed to that date.

Upon his return to-morrow from his New Hampshire trip, President Harding will confer with Secretary Hughes regarding issuance of the formal invitation to the party. They are expected to go forth within ten days.

Under Secretary of State Fletcher is in charge of the physical arrangements and is now engaged in looking over available buildings for the conference. Meetings and quarters to house the delegations of the other Powers.

The opening day, which will be the third anniversary of the armistice, is likely to be long remembered. On that day will take place the ceremony of the burial in Arlington National Cemetery of an unknown soldier. In memory of the unknown American dead buried in the soil of France, Marshal Poch, Generalissimo of all the allied armies, is expected to be present as the guest of the American Legion. Marshal Poch was also one of the French delegates to the arms conference.

It has not yet been decided where the sessions of the conference will be held. Washington lacks an auditorium suitable for such a gathering. The Senate office building, with its big caucus room, and the Pan-American Building on Seventh street, south of the White House, are under consideration.

While the State Department cannot exercise the power of the French Government at the Versailles conference and commandeer hotels and apartment houses for the visiting delegations, it will, nevertheless, use its good offices to see that they are properly housed and provided with office and consultation rooms. It is expected that some of the delegates will rent entire buildings for this purpose.

To what extent the United States, as the host, will defray the expense of the visiting delegations has not yet been determined. Mr. Fletcher is considering the cost of expense and in a brief time will have an estimate ready for submission to Budget Director Dawes.

After Mr. Dawes and President Harding have examined the State Department's estimates and approved of them they will be sent to Congress, which is expected readily to grant whatever amount is asked for within reason.

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## SPAIN BARS NEWS OF ARMY REVERSE

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LONDON, August 9 (Tuesday).—A despatch to the London Times from Tangier, Morocco, dated Monday, says the Spanish censorship is still very strict and that the censors are devoting their time to preventing any news, except that officially promulgated, from leaking out.

The correspondent, instancing what he declares is the unreliability of the censorship, says it was officially announced a few days ago that the Beni-Sicar tribe near Melilla was loyal to Spain, whereas it is known that fighting occurred between this tribe and Spanish troops inside limits where the Spanish Government had asserted no danger existed.

The correspondent adds that the Rif tribesmen in all parts of the Spanish zone have been summoned to return to the Rif region to fight for their country. The Rif region lies in northern Morocco between Melilla and Tetuan. It is wild and difficult of access. The Rif Berbers are a wild and largely unruly people.

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middle Volga district, the famine situation is especially serious. The situation is developing to an acute degree in the eastern Ukraine, the north Caucasus and south Ural districts. Not less than 50,000,000 pounds (a pound is equivalent to 16 English pounds) of grain will be required for food in the Volga districts. For the purpose of sowing a new crop 7,000,000 pounds will be required before September 1. A recent arrival in Riga from Moscow reports that 3,000,000 persons are migrating to Siberia and almost the same number are moving toward the south. It is stated that within two weeks 10,000,000 persons will be without food.

In the Moscow Izvestia for July 27 Kameneff (chairman of the All-Russian Commission for Combating Famine) states that 41,000,000 pounds of breadstuffs are required for the ten provinces that are starving. This amount of grain must be imported into the precise districts that were themselves expected to produce 60,000,000 pounds. The cities require 17,000,000 pounds. The deficit in the supply of grain is now estimated at 120,000,000 pounds (2,160,000 tons).

"Little or no winter grain will be sown by September 1, as it is not believed possible to obtain abroad and transport to the appropriate areas the requisite food. The hunger stricken area is spreading."

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## 18,000 Tons of Grain On Way to Russia

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Haslowood of San Francisco; X. B. Kalamattiano of Racine, Wis., and Henry J. La